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MINUTES  
OF THE 16 NOVEMBER 1981  
MEETING OF THE FINE ARTS COMMISSION

1. The meeting was called to order at 1100 hrs. in room 2D03, Headquarters. Present were:

Members:

Bruce T. Johnson, Chairman



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Consultant:

Representatives:

1. New Business

a. This special meeting of the Fine Arts Commission was called to share the results of a visit by the Chairman, [redacted] to view a sculpture offered as a loan by Mr. Melzac for display in the CIA Headquarters building. The bronze, by Giorgio Spaventa, is approximately 4-1/2 ft. tall, on a 1 foot base. Pictures of the sculpture were circulated.

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b. Discussion indicated a Commission consensus that the FAC should negotiate with Mr. Melzac for the loan of this sculpture. The Chairman, FAC, will obtain the approval of the DDA on acquisition (loan) and placement of the statue before further negotiations with Mr. Melzac on this subject.

c. It was suggested that the sculpture be placed at the top of the stairs leading up from the main lobby, in front of the large windows opening on to the courtyard. An additional, larger base was also suggested, to enhance the appearance of the sculpture and to protect it from accident. The area around the sculpture should be roped off.

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d. A suggestion was made that an Agency Notice be circulated, announcing the acquisition of the sculpture and giving details as to who loaned it, who the sculptor was, what he meant to represent, how it was constructed, where it is to be placed, etc. A plaque at the site of the sculpture would summarize this information.

(Note: Following the meeting Mr. Johnson discussed the proposal with Mr. Fitzwater, DDA, and obtained his approval to proceed.)

2. Old Business

a. No reply has been received on the question of a limited open house during the time the present employee art exhibit is on display. The DDA is awaiting word from the DDCI.

b. The Agency craft exhibit will be scheduled in May or June 1982. [redacted] will be the chairman. Anyone wishing to be on this committee should contact [redacted]

3. The meeting adjourned at 1130 hrs.

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